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| <b>Request<br/>FOR<br/>Continued Examination (RCE)<br/>TRANSMITTAL</b><br>Address to:<br>Commissioner for Patents<br>Box RCE<br>Washington, DC 20231 | Application Number   | 09/287,402      |
|  | Filing Date          | April 6, 1999   |
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR. 1.114**
- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s) / reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavits(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of one months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 03-1550
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e).
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1,160.00 enclosed.
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card. (Form PTO-2038 enclosed.)
- WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**

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| Signature   |                  | Date             | August 22, 2003 |
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